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BRIEF FOR: The CIA Career Council

SUBJECT: Agency Participation in the Senior Officer School
of the Foreign Service

1. The Department of State is establishing a Senior Officer School of the Foreign Service which is designed to be a civilian counterpart of the Army, Naval and Air War Colleges. The School will be conducted by the Foreign Service Institute primarily for Foreign Service Officers of Classes 1, 2 and 3. Other Government agencies, including the military services, have been invited to send representatives. The Director of Central Intelligence has agreed to nominate a candidate for the first session of the School which will open on 8 September 1958.

2. Mr. Willard Barber, Foreign Service Officer, has been appointed Director of the new school, which will follow the normal academic pattern of a nine months session. It is his intention, in collaboration with Ambassadors Bishop and Cumming and others in the Department who are participating in the planning, "to give a real intellectual workout in the course, inspiring yet practical." Mr. Matthew Baird has been aiding the Foreign Service Institute planners in devising a curriculum but as yet the Foreign Service Institute has announced no firm course of study.

3. The criteria used by the State Department for selecting senior officers to attend the school are the same as those used for selecting their representatives to attend the War Colleges. The Navy representative is a Captain within the promotion zone to flag rank and a graduate of the Naval War College; the Marine Corps representative is a Colonel and also a graduate of the Naval War College; and the Army representative is a Colonel and a graduate of the Army War College. The average age of the civilian and military representatives already selected is 44, some of whom have PHD's, LLB's, masters degrees in Business Administration, etc.

4. The Deputy Directors have nominated Messrs. [REDACTED] to attend the Foreign Service School. Biographic Profiles (attached). Names of other potential candidates may be submitted at the Career Council Meeting.

5. ACTION

It is recommended that the Council select a principal and alternate to attend the Senior Officer School of the Foreign Service for the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence.

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